## **HOUSE BILL 2823**

By Coley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39 and Title 40, relative to victims of trafficking.

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-513, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection thereto:

(e) Where a person is suspected of or charged with a violation of this section for conduct that occurred while the person was a victim of an act committed in violation of § 39-13-307 or § 39-13-309, or while the person was a victim as defined under the Trafficking Victims Protection Act, 22 U.S.C. § 7102, that person shall be immune from prosecution for prostitution.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012, the public welfare requiring it.